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Title: **SOLAR CELL CONNECTOR HAVING A FRAME-SHAPED
COMPENSATION SECTION AND METHOD OF PRODUCING
SAME**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of European reference no. EP 1 128 445 (corresponding U.S. Patent 6,359,209) and German reference No. DE 43 30 282 (corresponding U.S. Patent 5,430,616) to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

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English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of the other cited documents are submitted herewith.

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	AK	DE 39 42 031	06/06/1991	Rukwied			Abstract	✓
	AL	DE 43 30 282	03/10/1994	Katsu et al.			Abstract	✓
	A M	EP 1 128 445	08/29/2001	Glenn et al.			Abstract	✓
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